

Goods Export Assistance Fund and the Steel Development Fund.

(j) Rendering assistance to the Electric arc furnace for units and the secondary sector by way of capacity assessment, assistance in procurement of indigenous and imported raw materials and import substitution measures, aiming at the overall development of the sector.

(k) Interface between the Government and the different consumer group and to facilitate consumer-producer interaction;

(l) Matters relating to Export of Steel to Nepal and Bhutan;

(m) Coordination for movement of raw material to steel plants;

(n) Provide vigilance functions to prevent misuse of steel obtained from regulated sources.

Publishing of Biographies of Freedom Fighters

6286. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to publish the biographies of prominent Indian freedom fighters who were deported to the Andaman and Nicobar Jail;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to telecast and broadcast programmes on those freedom fighters; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS): (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, at present, has no such specific proposal.

(b) and (c). Programmes on various national leaders are telecast/broadcast by Doordarshan/All India Radio from time to time depending on their programme requirement.

Metro Channel

6287. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to "create metro channel" to link the second channels of the Doordarshan in four metropolitan kendras at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Doordarshan have been inter-linking the four metro channels for varying durations of time keeping in mind their overall programme requirements for quite some time now.

[Translation]

Irregularities in Regional Publicity Directorate

6288. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irregularities committed in regional Publicity Directorate during the last three years;

(b) the details of such irregularities; and

(c) the punishment awarded to the erring officials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Action against 13 officials (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) working in the Directorate of Field Publicity under this Ministry (not in the Regional Publicity Directorate as mentioned in the question) was initiated during the last three years for various irregularities/lapses allegedly committed by them.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the details of irregularities and punishment awarded to the erring officials is given below:

STATEMENT**IRREGULARITIES IN FIELD PUBLICITY DIRECTORATE**

Irregularities/lapses committed/allegedly committed by the officials of the Directorate of Field Publicity involve complaints of embezzlement of Government funds, submission of false Leave Travel Concession claim, submission of false medical bills, submission of false Travel Allowance claim/ Daily Allowance claim, false entries in log book, submission of false Daily Coverage Reports, misuse of Government vehicles, lack of devotion to duty, misbehavior with lady employee, false House Rent Allowance claim, unauthorised absence from office, causing pecuniary loss to the Government, irregularities in purchase of furniture and misuse of official position constituting violation of Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The punishment awarded include withholding of one increment for one year, reduction by two stages in the time scale of pay for a period of two years and recovery of Rs. 5000/—, reduction by five stages in the time scale of pay for a period of five years and recovery of Rs. 5000/—, recovery of the whole amount to leave Travel Conversion claim and forfeiture of L. T. C. facility etc., in cases where action has been concluded. Action in remaining cases will depend upon the outcome of the enquiry.

*[English]***Production of Documentaries for Doordarshan**

6289. SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKER-SINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act the producers are being allowed by the Doordarshan to enhance the cost of documentaries from Rs. 6.3 lakhs to about Rs. 8 lakhs and are also being allowed 30 per cent Oregon sales rights after signing of the contracts;

(b) if so, the policy the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, details of circumstances under which such concessions are being allowed alongwith the name of such producers; and

(d) the effect of these on the earning of the Doordarshan, with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). The enhancement of Rs. 1.7 lakh for the programme produced by Ms. Nalita Vachani was agreed to by Doordarshan after taking into account various aspect such as travel cost and other expenditure. The enhancement of budget of a commissioned programme is done by Doordarshan on the basis of variable factors like format, contents, creative involvement and other costs. Similarly sharing of rights, other than telecast right within the country, is negotiated with the Producer by Doordarshan with Doordarshan's Commercial interest in mind. The Programme has been sold for FF 1,15,295 to LA SEPT of France.